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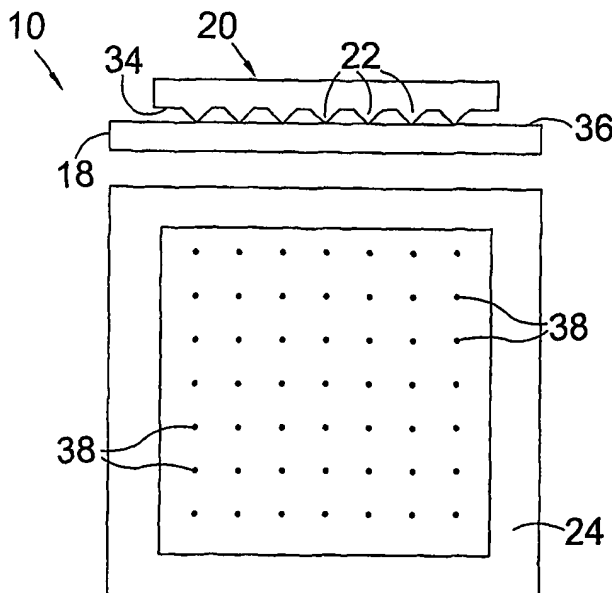
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bly, as well as a palpation assembly and a tactile probe
each incorporating the tactile sensor assembly. The tac-
tile sensor assembly has a particular use in surgery, such
as minimal access surgery. In one embodiment, a tactile
sensor assembly (10) is disclosed which includes a force
transmission member (20) and a sensor (18), wherein the
force transmission member (20) includes a plurality of pro-
jections (22) for transmitting an applied force to the sensor
(18), and wherein the sensor (18) is adapted to detect said
applied force and to output a signal indicative thereof.



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